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The National Science Foundation's **GLOBAL SCHOOLHOUSE PROJECT**

An Educational First, for America and for San Diego

"It's an exciting demonstration of how students from
around the world can work and learn together."

Evonne Andres, Jefferson Jr. High Teacher
Walter W. Lewis, Director of the National Science
Foundation

WHAT:

For the first time ever, students in a San Diego County classroom are participating in an inter-active, computer-based video learning conference with students from across America and from England. The unprecedented four city "Live Video Link" through the Internet, includes schools in Hampton, England, Arlington, Virginia, Oak Ridge, Tennessee and Oceanside, California.

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For this 8-week learning project, the students have all read Vice President Gore's book, *Earth in the Balance*. They have conducted research on groundwater, they have investigated ways to protect the environment and now they will be sharing their findings with each other, and reporting their results to national leaders.

WHEN:

Wednesday, April 28 - 7:30 to 8:30 am - the "Live Link"
News availability to follow

NOTE: Camera crews need to be in place by 7:25 AM

WHERE:

Jefferson Jr. High School, Oceanside, 823 Acacia St.

WHO:

National Science Foundation, Cornell University, CERFnet,
Jefferson Jr. High, Pacific Bell, dozens of other companies

WHY:

To demonstrate the global educational value of emerging technologies such as videoconferencing, electronic collaboration and distance learning. This demonstration also highlights a video application of Switched Multimegabit Data Service (SMDS), a technology being used by Pacific Bell and other telephone companies to provide high-speed, low-cost switched data services.

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April 7, 1993

Mr. Greg Simon
Special Assistant to the Vice President
The White House
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Dear Mr. Simon:

I am writing to express my hope that the Vice President will be able to attend the upcoming Global Schoolhouse Project on April 28, an event sponsored by the National Science Foundation. Dr. Massey of the National Science Foundation extended an invitation to Mr. Gore in his letter of March 22, 1993 to the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

The Global Schoolhouse Project is a classic government/business partnership involving donations of equipment from Sun Microsystems, Sprint, Apple, Cisco, and other high technology companies. Cornell University, the University of Tennessee, the National Science Foundation, and other organizations from the public sector have also contributed substantial support.

The Global Schoolhouse Project highlights three key issues:

- The environment
- Education
- Our national high technology infrastructure

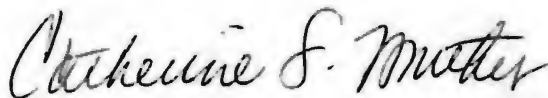
Children in classrooms in Tennessee, California, Virginia, and London have all read Mr. Gore's "Earth in the Balance" and have been collaborating awareness. The April 28th video conference over an information superhighway will highlight not only the usefulness of a

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National Education and Research Network but ways we can improve our educational system and raise awareness of key environmental issues.

We would be delighted if the Vice President were able to accept the invitation from a large number of corporate, educational, and other institutions that are working together to make the Global Schoolhouse a reality. Most important, we hope that the Vice President will accept this unique opportunity to receive a briefing from children all over the world on ways they have found to raise environmental awareness.

Sincerely,



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